Appointment of Section Officers

3298. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 212 given in Rajya Sabha on 24th November, 2005 and state the cases filed in various High Courts and CATs (Central Administrative Tribunals) on the issue of creation of posts of Section Officers of CSS Cadre and diversion of 50 per cent of the posts to limited departmental competitive examination, etc.; with the present status of each case?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRI SURESH PACHOURI): A case (O.A. No. 1091/2005) was filed in Central Administrative Tribunal (CAT), Principal Bench by Shri Kailash Chander & Others *Vs.* Union of India & Others, *inter alia*, seeking direction for not filling up the newly created posts (pursuant to cadre restructuring of CSS) on the basis of the results of the Section Officer's Grade Limited Departmental Competitive Examination, 2003. The O.A. was dismissed by the CAT *vide* order dated 26.07.2005. The applicants, thereafter, filed Writ Petition No. 13245-60/ 2005 in the High Court of Delhi against the order dated 26.07.2005 of the CAT in O.A. No. 1091/2005. The matter is presently *sub judice*.

Reforms in coal sector

3299. SHRI RAMA MUNI REDDY SIRIGIREDDY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Planning Commission has put forward some proposals to bring reforms in the coal sector;

(b) if so, the details of the proposals sent by Planning Commission;

(c) whether one of the proposals is regarding captive Coal Ministry by private parties; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI M.V. RAJASEKHARAN): (a) to (d) No proposal has been put forward by Planning Commission to bring reforms in the coal sector. However, in this reference, Planning Commission has made several policy recommendations in the Tenth Five Year Plan which were re-iterated during Mid-Term Appraisal of the Tenth Plan. Recommendations made there under are given in the Statement for reference.